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Service of Process **Transmittal** 03/18/2014

CT Log Number 524597714

TO:

Connie H Nichols, Corporate Secretary Phillips & Jordan, Incorporated 10201 Parkside Drive, Suite 300

Knoxville, TN 37922

RE:

Process Served in Mississippi

FOR:

Phillips & Jordan, Incorporated (Domestic State: NC)

enclosed are copies of legal process received by the statutory agent of the above company as follows:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Harrison County Utility Authority (HCUA), Pltf. vs. Phillips & Jordan, Inc., Dft.

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Complaint, Contract(s), Attachment(s), Certificate(s), Affidavit(s)

COURT/AGENCY:

Harrison County Circuit Court - Second Judicial District, MS Case # A24021437

MATURE OF ACTION:

Plaintiff suffered damages due to defendant's breach of contract - seeking damages

and equitable relief

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

CT Corporation System, Flowcod, MS

DATE AND HOUR OF BERVICE:

By Process Server on 03/18/2014 at 09:00

JURISDICTION SERVED:

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days from the date of delivery of summons and complaint

ATTORNEY(S) / SEMDER(S):

James C. Simpson Jr. 1105 30th Avenue Suite 300

Gulfport, MS 39501 228-867-7141

ACTION ITEMS:

SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex 2 Day, 798261343408

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SIGNED: PER: ADDRESS: C T Corporation System Amy McLaren 645 Lakeland East Drive

Suite 101

Flowood, MS 39232

TELEPHONE:

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CIVIL ACTION NO. # 2462-14-37

PHILLIPS & JORDAN, INC.

**DEFENDANTS** 

#### **SUMMONS**

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO:

Phillips & Jordan, Inc.

Registered Agent: C.T. Corporation System

645 Lakeland East Drive, Suite 101

Flowood, MS 39232

#### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

You are hereby commanded to serve this Summons and a copy of the Complaint in this action upon Phillips & Jordan, Inc., (A) promptly locating the said Defendant and handing to him a copy of this Summons and Complaint, or (B) in the event you are unable to so proceed because the Defendant cannot be found by leaving a copy of the Summons and Complaint at the Defendant's usual place of abode with his/her spouse or some other person of the Defendant's family above the age of sixteen years of age and who is wiling to receive same, or (C) by such other means by law.

### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written Answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint to James C. Simpson, Jr., or T. Russell Nobile, the Attorneys for the Plaintiff(s) WISE CARTER CHILD & CARAWAY, P.A., whose address is 1105 30th Avenue, Suite 300, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court within a reasonable time afterward. Not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of service of writ.

GAYLE PARKER, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

BY:

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**PLAINTIFF** 

V.

CIVILACTION NO. A 2402-14-37

PHILLIPS & JORDAN, INC.

DEFENDANTS.

#### **COMPLAINT**

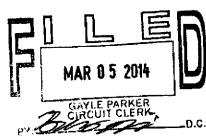
The Harrison County Utility Authority ("HCUA") files this lawsuit against Phillips & Jordan, Inc. ("P&J"). The HCUA seek damages and equitable relief.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The Circuit Court for Harrison County, Mississippi is the proper venue for this action. Miss. Code Ann. § 11-1-3.
  - 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter Miss. Code Ann. § 9-7-81.

#### **PARTIES**

- 3. The HCUA is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi and is located in Harrison County. The HCUA is organized pursuant to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act of 2006, Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-701 et seq. The HCUA is authorized to proceed in this action.
- 4. P&J Inc. is a foreign corporation registered to do business in the State of Mississippi, that, among other things, provides construction services and may be served with process of law through its registered agent for service of process in Mississippi, C.T. Corporation System, 645 Lakeview East Dr., Ste 101, Flowod, MS 39232.



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- 15. Further, the investigation revealed multiple other instances of deficient and substandard work at the intersection that also failed to comply with the contract documents and specifications, or with the state law and regulations.
- 16. The final construction of S22 does not conform to either the specifications or design documents for the project.
- 17. The final construction of S22 does not conform with the work as depicted in the as-built drawings.
- 18. After evaluating the cause of the failures, the HCUA and D'Iberville determined there were multiple conflicts with existing utilities in the project area. For example, the sewer force main was installed too close to potable water lines in violation of Mississippi Department of Health regulations.
- 19. The IICUA and D'Iberville incurred significant expense repairing and remedying P&J's substandard work.
- 20. P&J failed to perform and complete its work in accordance with state law and regulations, as required by contract.

#### COUNT ONE: BREACH OF CONTRACT

21. All the facts and allegations listed above are hereby incorporated by reference.

- 22. By failing to construct and complete the project in accordance with the terms of the agreement and intended design of the parties P&J breached the express terms, conditions, requirements and warranties contained in the Construction Contract agreement between the parties.
- 23. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of Defendant as alleged, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages for which it is entitled to be compensated by Defendant. The amount of such damages is alleged to be in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court, and will be proven at trial.

#### COUNT TWO: BREACH IMPLIED WARRANTIES

- 24. All the facts and allegations listed above are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 25. P&J breached the implied warranties related to S22 as provided under Mississippi law.
- 26. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of Defendant as alleged, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages for which it is entitled to be compensated by Defendant. The amount of such damages is alleged to be in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court, and will be proven at trial.

# COUNT THREE: NEGLIGENT CONSTRUCTION AND BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF WORKMANLIKE CONSTRUCTION

- 27. All the facts and allegations listed above are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 28. P&J negligently constructed S22 and failed to construct the project in a workmanship-like fashion.
- 29. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of Defendant as alleged, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages for which it is entitled to be compensated by

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#### **COUNT FOUR: DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION**

- 30. All the facts and allegations listed above are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 31. P&J constructed S22 in a defective manner.
- 32. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of Defendant as alleged, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages for which it is entitled to be compensated by Defendant. The amount of such damages is alleged to be in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court, and will be proven at trial.

#### COUNT FIVE: NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

- 33. All the facts and allegations listed above are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 34. P&J negligently misrepresented its work on S22.
- 35. Specifically, P&J (1) misrepresented or omitted facts related to this project; (2) such misrepresentation or omission was material or significant; (3) P&J failed to exercise that degree of diligence and expertise the public is entitled to expect of it; (4) that the HCUA and the City of D'Iberville reasonably relied upon the misrepresentation or omission; and (5) HCUA suffered damages as a direct and proximate result of such reasonable reliance
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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff asks that process be issued in this matter, and that after all necessary and proper proceedings herein, Plaintiff be granted the following relief:

- All damages incurred as a result of the breaches described above including, (1) but not limited to, costs and expenses arising from all repairs and any other amount proven at trial;
- Any injunctive relief proven necessary through the course of proceedings; **(2)**
- (3)Plaintiff's costs and attorneys fees; and
- For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. (4)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 5 of Mach, 2014.

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

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